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EXPERIENCE

REGIONAL CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

JULY 2010 – PRESENT
Atlanta, Georgia

- Represent the U.S. EPA's legal position in over twenty (20) criminal environmental enforcement actions.
- Responsible for all legal aspects of criminal enforcement including case development, drafting search warrants, charging documents, legal memoranda, pleadings, sentencing appeal memoranda, and counseling program clients and Assistant U.S. Attorneys on environmental matters across all environmental statutes.
- Develop relationships with U.S. Attorneys, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, EPA Headquarters, and state and local enforcement agencies to facilitate enforcement of environmental laws in eight (8) federal judicial districts.
- Provide legal advice and recommendations to Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Department of Justice Environmental Crimes Section attorneys, the EPA Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent in Charge, Assistant Special Agent in Charge and the investigating agents regarding charges, plea negotiations, sentencing hearings and sentencing appeals.
- Work closely with twelve (12) Agents to provide legal advice and recommendations on all aspects of criminal cases.
- Assist other Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel and Agents as needed, on Clean Air Act cases both in the Region and nationally.
- Represent the Region's legal position at Environmental Crimes Task Force meetings and Worker Endangerment Initiative meetings.
- Work closely with EPA Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent in Charge and Assistant Special Agent in Charge to conduct case screening of criminal leads and determine whether lead merits case opening.

ASSOCIATE REGIONAL COUNSEL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

OCTOBER 1998 – JULY 2010
Atlanta, Georgia

- Represented the U.S. EPA in numerous civil environmental enforcement actions.
- Responsible for case development, referrals, legal memos, pleadings and other enforcement documents, preparing witnesses, taking and defending depositions, and counseling clients on diverse environmental matters covering the Clean Air Act, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Clean Water Act and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.
- Assisted the Department of Justice in all litigation both affirmative and defensive, including the defense of agency orders on title V petitions in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Provided instruction and guidance to new attorneys and program clients on the provisions of the various statutes as needed.
- Awarded one (1) EPA National and six (6) EPA Regional Bronze Medals for Commendable Service for enforcement and counseling work.
- Awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Department of Justice for acting as a Special Department of Justice attorney on the Audubon Metals CAA enforcement case.
- Lead the team in Air, Pesticides and Toxics Law Office in absence of Section Chief. Tracked all attorney workloads, made recommendations on case assignments and worked with program clients to complete required enforcement commitments.

LAW CLERK

New Orleans City Attorney's Office

MARCH 1998 - AUGUST 1998

New Orleans, Louisiana

- Researched and drafted memoranda on issues affecting city government including labor relations, health and environment, contracts, State and Federal procedure, and statutory interpretation.

STUDENT ATTORNEY

AUGUST 1997 - MAY 1998

MAY 1996 - JUNE 1996

New Orleans, Louisiana

Tulane Environmental Law Clinic

- Admitted to the limited practice of law pursuant to Rule XX of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Represented indigent clients in environmental matters before various bodies including State District Court and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
- Researched and drafted of all legal documents required in the course of representation.
- Conducted legal research and analysis and drafted significant constituent correspondence on environmental issues including the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and other state and federal environmental regulations.

LEGAL INTERN

Natural Resources Defense Council

JUNE 1997 - AUGUST 1997

Washington, D.C.

- Researched impact of safe drinking water issues on the Food Quality Protection Act, Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.
- Participated in lobbying effort for natural resource damages portion of CERCLA, including creation of network of community groups for natural resource damages issues.

JUDICIAL INTERN

The Honorable Arthur L. Burnett, Sr.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

JULY 1996 - AUGUST 1996

Washington, D.C.

- Drafted formal opinions on criminal and family law. Researched and drafted memoranda on various issues including civil procedure, criminal law and criminal procedure.
- Attended pretrial conferences and assisted judge by participating in decision-making discussions.

SENIOR AVICULTURIST

The Aquarium of the Americas

JULY 1989 - AUGUST 1995

New Orleans, Louisiana

- Responsible for the care and breeding of a collection of 30 species of birds, 4 species of sea turtles and common iguanas. Duties included maintaining water quality; exhibit design, aesthetics, and maintenance; collecting specimens; supervising interns and volunteers; and record keeping.
- Participated in live animal presentations, public education activities, and Volunteer Naturalist training classes.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CERTIFICATE
Tulane Law School

MAY 1998

New Orleans, Louisiana

Honors: Tulane Merit Scholarship; Selected for Environmental Law Clinic in 1997

Activities: Environmental Law Society; Black Law Students Association; Tulane Annual Environmental Law Conference Panel Coordinator; DICTA Newsletter Contributing Writer

Bar Admission: Louisiana, 1999

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY

Xavier University of Louisiana

MAY 1990

New Orleans, Louisiana